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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH BHUTTO

- 1. JOURNALISTIC CIRCLES HERE ARE SPECULATING ON REASON FOR AMBASSADOR HUMMEL'S CALL ON BHUTTO EARLY MORNING JULY FOURTH, AND HAVE ASKED IF IT WAS CONNECTED WITH MILITARY MOVE OF THE FOLLOWING DAY. STORY OF MEETING MAY BE CARRIED BY WIRE SERVICES. IF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ASKED ABOUT AMBASSADOR/BHUTTO CONVERSATION, WE RECOMMEND HE USE THE FOLLOWING.
- 2. AMBASSADOR HUMMEL HAD REQUESTED A COURTESY CALL ON THE PM SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO JULY FOURTH. THE APPOINTMENT WAS FINALLY FORTUITIOUSLY MADE FOR EARLY MORNING OF THE FOURTH. THE MEETING WAS ESSENTIALLY A PROTOCOL CALL IN KEEPING WITH THE PRACTICE WHEREBY CHIEFS OF MISSION CALL ON THE PM SOON AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN PAKISTAN. IT HAD NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH THE EVENTS OF THE FOLLOWING DAY.
- 3. FYI BHUTTO KEEPS AN ODD APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE AND A ONE A.M. MEETING IS NOT UNUSUAL. THE PM WANTED TO SEE THE AMBASSADOR BEFORE THE FOURTH, SINCE HE PLANNED TO (AND DID) ATTEND OUR NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION. PROTOCOL IN PAKISTAN CALLED FOR AN CONFIDENTIAL

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INITIAL MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR BEFORE THE PM COULD ATTEND THE RECEPTION. END FYI.

4. CONGENS SHOULD DRAW ON ABOVE IF QUERIED BY THE PRESS ON THE MEETING. HUMMEL $\,$

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